

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—11)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1699.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Science Foundation, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director National Science Foundation, and Warren M. Washington, Chair, both of the National Science Board.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller, both of the Department of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, to be Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and 2,598 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held a hearing to examine rising health care costs and the impact on future generations relating to Medicare and Medicaid, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Saving, Public Trustee, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffrey

R. Brown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana; and Lois E. Quam, UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Public Law 108-447), after receiving testimony from P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Jill Nicoll, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Stephanie M. Clement, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, and Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine democracy in retreat in Russia, after receiving testimony from Steven Theede, YUKOS Oil Company, Moscow, Russia; Tim Osborne, Group MENATEP, London, United Kingdom; Anders Aslund, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Bruce P. Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, Stephen Nix, International Republican Institute, Nelson Ledsky, National Democratic Institute, Mary McClymont, Interaction, and Nancy Lindborg, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel Toole, UNICEF, New York, New York.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office high-risk list, focusing on ensuring Congressional oversight by bringing attention to government-wide management challenges and high-risk program areas, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Clay Johnson III,

Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

#### DRUG IMPORTATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the price of drug reimportation, focusing on implications for United States consumers, pricing, research and development, and innovation, after receiving testimony from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Robert M. Goldberg, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research Center for Medical Progress, New York, New York; Benjamin Zycher, Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy, San Francisco, California; Stephen Pollard, Centre for the New Europe, Brussels, Belgium; and Kevin Outterson, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, with amendments.

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Presi-

dent's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; David Coit, North Atlantic Capital, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies; Daniel Betancourt, Association For Enterprise Opportunity, on behalf of the Community First Fund, and Patricia Sands, SpillGuard, on behalf of the Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia, both of Arlington; John R. Massaua, Maine Small Business Development Center, Portland, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and Edward Tuvin, Community South Bank, Adamsville, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.